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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

- Species 1 represented by Figs. 1-6,
- Species 2 represented by Figs. 7-8,
- Species 3 represented by Figs. 9-10,
- Species 4 represented by Figs. 13-14,
- Species 5 represented by Figs. 15-16,
- Species 6 represented by Figs. 17-18,
- Species 7 represented by Figs. 22-24,
- Species 8 represented by Fig. 27,
- Species 9 represented by Fig. 28,
- Species 10 represented by Figs. 30-31,
- Species 11 represented by Fig. 32,
- Species 12 represented by Figs. 34(a)-34(c),
- Species 13 represented by Figs. 36(a)-36(c),
- Species 14 represented by Figs. 37(a)-37(c),
- Species 15 represented by Figs. 38(a)-38(c),
- Species 16 represented by Fig. 39(a),
- Species 17 represented by Fig. 39(b),
- Species 18 represented by Fig. 40,

Species 19 represented by Fig. 41,
Species 20 represented by Fig. 42,
Species 21 represented by Fig. 43,
Species 22 represented by Figs. 44-45,
Species 23 represented by Fig. 148,
Species 24 represented by Fig. 49,
Species 25 represented by Fig. 50,
Species 26 represented by Fig. 51,
Species 27 represented by Fig. 52.
Species 28 represented by Fig. 53,
Species 29 represented by Fig. 54,
Species 30 represented by Fig. 55, and
Species 31 represented by Fig. 56.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, no claims are generic.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

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Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thien F. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-1665. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM - 5:00PM Monday through Friday.

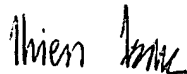
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eddie C. Lee can be reached on (571) 272-1732. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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